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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide additional assistance to economically distressed rural communities under the State water pollution control revolving loan fund program.

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Ms. LONG (for herself, Mr. EWING, Mr. LANCASTER, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. EMERSON, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, Mr. MINGE, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. PARKER, Mr. MCHUGH, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. VOLKMER, and Mr. GILLMOR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Community
5 Water Pollution Control Assistance Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.**

2 (a) LOAN PROGRAM.—Section 603(d)(1) of the Fed-
3 eral Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383(d)(1))
4 is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A) by inserting after “20
6 years” the following: “and at terms not to exceed 40
7 years in the case of loans to economically distressed
8 rural communities”;

9 (2) in subparagraph (B) by inserting after “1
10 year” the following: “and not later than 3 years in
11 the case of loans to economically distressed rural
12 communities”;

13 (3) in subparagraph (B) by inserting after “20
14 years” the following: “and at terms not to exceed 40
15 years in the case of loans to economically distressed
16 rural communities”; and

17 (4) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and
18 (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively, and
19 inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

20 “(C) not less than 15 percent of amounts
21 deposited in the fund after the date of the en-
22 actment of this subparagraph will be used to
23 make loans to economically distressed rural
24 communities;”.

25 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 603(d) of
26 such Act is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (6);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (7) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(8) for providing technical assistance to eco-
7 nomically distressed rural communities in the oper-
8 ation, management, and maintenance of waste water
9 treatment works, including—

10 “(A) the provision of information and
11 guidance with respect to financial management,
12 user fee analysis, budgeting, capital improve-
13 ment planning, and development of funding
14 applications;

15 “(B) the provision of information and
16 guidance with respect to facility operation and
17 maintenance requirements, repair schedules,
18 and other activities necessary to improve treat-
19 ment plant operations;

20 “(C) the provision of information and
21 guidance on management restructuring, includ-
22 ing physical consolidation, shared use of equip-
23 ment, and staff functions; and

24 “(D) the provision of assistance in identi-
25 fying and evaluating appropriate technologies,

1 associated management and maintenance costs,
2 and least cost options;
3 except that amounts available for providing such
4 technical assistance shall not exceed 1.5 percent of
5 all grant awards made after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this paragraph to such fund under this
7 title.”.

8 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 603 of such Act is further
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this title, the
12 following definitions apply:

13 “(1) ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED RURAL COM-
14 MUNITY.—The term ‘economically distressed rural
15 community’ means a rural community—

16 “(A) in which the median household in-
17 come of the residents of such community is less
18 than 75 percent of the median statewide
19 nonmetropolitan household income, as deter-
20 mined by the latest decennial census of the
21 United States; or

22 “(B) in which the rate of poverty for the
23 residents of such community is greater than the
24 national poverty rate, as determined annually
25 by the Office of Management and Budget.

1 “(2) RURAL COMMUNITY.—The term ‘rural
2 community’ means a community which is located in
3 a nonmetropolitan county and which has a popu-
4 lation of 3,500 individuals or less, as determined by
5 the latest decennial census of the United States.”.

6 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

7 Section 603(d)(7) of the Federal Water Pollution
8 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1382(d)(7)) is amended by strik-
9 ing “4 percent” and inserting “4.5 percent”.

10 **SEC. 4. INTENDED USE PLAN.**

11 Section 606(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
12 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1386(c)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
14 (4);

15 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
16 graph (5) and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(6) the criteria used to evaluate loan repay-
19 ment affordability and to determine loan interest
20 rates.”.

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